

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

According to the **2000 State Monitoring Report**, submitted by EOPS to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), U.S. Department of Justice on March 29, 2001, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is in full compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 for calendar year 2000. Based on juvenile lockup data, submitted by and collected from local police departments, juvenile detention and correctional centers, and state and local lockup facilities, there was a minimum number of violations for the year, qualifying the Commonwealth for the status of full compliance with de minimis exceptions. The monitoring report demonstrates that Massachusetts has successfully removed status offenders (non-criminals) and non-offenders from secure detention and correctional facilities, separated juveniles from incarcerated adults in facilities that are used for the secure detention and confinement of both juvenile offenders and adult criminal offenders, and removed juveniles from adult jails and lockups. Additional information regarding the Commonwealth's status of compliance can be obtained from Christopher Mann, Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor, at chris.mann@eps.state.ma.us.

Domestic Violence Facts and Sources of Data. The Research and Evaluation Subcommittee of the Massachusetts Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence recently released two reports. The "Summaries of Statewide Data Sources Relevant to Domestic Violence" and the "Domestic Violence Fact Sheet" present a comprehensive picture of domestic violence in Massachusetts, as well as a thorough description of the statewide sources of domestic violence data. Both reports are available at the EOPS Programs Division web page at (<http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>). For additional information regarding these reports contact Diana Brensilber at (617) 727-6300 x25325 or Carter Pratt at (617) 624-5401.

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH. **Women's Protective Services**, dedicated to empowering sexual assault and domestic violence survivors and to create safety and stability in their lives, offers free and confidential services that include a 24-hour emergency hotline; crisis intervention; individual counseling; Safe Home Plan; confidential family shelter, Lawyer of the Day Program; etc. Office: (508) 820-0834, Hotline: (800) 593-1125.

Mental Health Issues and Juvenile Justice It is estimated that at least one in five youth in the juvenile justice system has a serious mental health problem, in addition to co-occurring substance abuse disorders. This national satellite videoconference will highlight effective programs that promote collaboration among the juvenile justice, mental health, and substance abuse service systems as well as efforts to divert youth from the juvenile justice system to community-based services. Ways of incorporating culturally appropriate strategies in mental health programming will also be featured. The videoconference will air on **April 19, 2001**, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. EDT. To register online, go to <http://www.juvenilenet.org/jitap/mentalhealth/> or you may also contact Ms. Jenny McWilliams at 859-622-6671 or by e-mail at ekujitap@aol.com (e-mail).

National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2001: Reach For The Stars Resource Guide **April 22 - 28, 2001**, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The contents of the 2001 Guide include the following: public education and community awareness materials; a comprehensive website listing; resources for the news media to help promote National Crime Victim's Rights Week, and statistical overviews that address 17 topics relevant to crime and victimization. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/2001/welcome.html>

Womansplace Crisis Center presents **"In Their Name"** on **April, 26, 2001**.

- Brockton Courthouse (11:00 AM) - Dedicate a flower to a friend or a loved one who has been a victim of violence- "In Their Name"
- Brockton City Hall's GAR Room (11:45 - 1:00 PM) - Immediately following the Flower ceremony participants will proceed to City Hall where there will be entertainment, presentations by Whitman-Hanson students remembering those who have died last year from domestic violence, and survivors sharing their poetry.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Proposed Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan Amendments and Federal Formula Grant Application is Now Available for Public Comment

Summary: In accordance with Section 223 (a) (4) of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974, the Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) Programs Division is inviting the public to comment on the state's proposed Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan amendments. The **draft** Plan describes the program activities that the EOPS Programs Division and the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee propose to carry out with federal Fiscal Year 2001 formula grant funds. In order to achieve compliance with the Lockup Removal and Disproportionate Minority Confinement mandates of the JJDP Act, all federal formula grant funds will be set aside for activities that will assist the state in achieving and maintaining compliance with these mandates.

Dates: The **draft** Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan Amendments and Federal Formula Grant Application is currently posted on the EOPS web site (<http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>). All comments must be received in writing on or before **May 2, 2001**.

Contact: To request a copy and/or submit comments regarding the **draft** plan, contact Jim Houghton, Juvenile Justice Specialist, via: **Mail:** Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division, One Ashburton Place, Suite 2110, Boston, MA 02108. **FAX:** 617-727-5356 or **e-mail:** jim.houghton@eps.state.ma.us

Note: Taking into consideration comments received on this Proposed Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan Amendments and Federal Formula Grant Application, EOPS Programs Division will develop and submit the final plan and application to the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice. No proposals, concept papers, or other forms of application should be submitted to EOPS Programs Division at this time.

The **Massachusetts Association of Crime Analysts** will hold its fourth Annual Training Conference at the Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort & Conference Center in Falmouth, Massachusetts from **May 15-18, 2001**. The conference will feature topics on crime mapping, information management, and other issues of importance to crime analysts and other law enforcement professionals. May 15, the first day, is an "open day"--anyone may come for free to hear the opening ceremonies and keynote speech (by Chief Thomas Casady of the Lincoln, NE Police), enjoy a buffet lunch, and attend workshops designed specifically for chiefs, executives, officers, detectives, and analysts. More information, including a registration form, is available at <http://www.macrimeanalysts.com>. Attendance on May 15 is free. Registration for the entire conference is \$200. Lodging at the Sea Crest is \$109 per night for a single or double occupancy. Please contact Christopher Bruce, 617-349-3387, cbruce@ps.ci.cambridge.ma.us with any questions.

The **New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers' Association** (New England NEOA) in collaboration with the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN), and the New England Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration, will host their **31st Annual Spring Training Conference and Awards Banquet, May 30, 31, and June 1, 2001**, at the Sheraton Hyannis Resort in Hyannis, MA. Other sponsors include the United States Attorney, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council.

The objective of this training conference is to provide law enforcement and prosecutorial professionals with up-to-the-minute information regarding drug-related issues challenging public safety in New England. For details regarding topic areas and invited speakers, please visit the New England NEOA website at <http://www.newenglandneoa.org>. For further information or to register, contact: Linda E. Abely, New England State Police Information Network, 124 Grove Street, Suite 305, Franklin, MA 02038. Ms. Abely may also be reached at 1-800 343-5682 x201 or via e-mail at labely@nespin.riss.net.

Funding Opportunities

From the State Government

Local Law Enforcement Systems Improvement Grant Program The Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division is currently accepting applications from local police departments for systems improvement initiatives. An estimated 25 grants will be awarded, with a maximum federal award of \$30,000. Grantees will be required to provide a hard cash match equaling 25% of the total project costs. Local police departments can apply for funds to:

1. Implement or improve reporting to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS);
2. Purchase or improve Records Management Systems; and
3. Purchase Electronic Mugshot Equipment or Integrate Electronic Mugshots with Fingerprints.

Departments may also request funds for other projects, but must provide persuasive documentation and justification that the funds will contribute significantly toward collecting and reporting complete, accurate, and reliable criminal justice information. To be considered for funding, police departments must submit the Systems Improvement Grant Program Application to the EOPS Programs Division by **Friday, April 20, 2001**. Applications can be downloaded from the EOPS Programs Division web site (<http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>) in PDF or MS Word formats.. If you have any questions regarding this funding opportunity, please contact Diana Brensilber, at 617-727-6300 ext. 25325 or Diana.Brensilber@eps.state.ma.us.

From the Federal Government

COPS MORE 2001 Grant Program: Making Officer Redeployment Effective <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/> This grant program is to help law enforcement agencies become more efficient by providing funding for new equipment/technology which will allow officers to spend more time engaged in community policing activities. Only applications that clearly link the funds sought to an increased community policing presence will be considered for funding.

Application Deadline: April 20, 2001. Applications received after the April 20, 2001 deadline will not be accepted.

Eligibility Requirements: Law enforcement agencies that have already received funding under previous COPS MORE programs are eligible to apply. No consortia applications will be accepted. Requests for civilians or overtime, and salary and fringe benefits of a sworn officer will not be funded under COPS MORE 2001.

Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$81 million will be available. Funding qualification is based upon a jurisdiction's service population according to the latest information available from the U.S. Census Bureau. There is a local match requirement, consisting of a minimum of 25% of the total allowable item costs.

Length of Award: Applicants should attempt to demonstrate project implementation within a time period of one year or less. The grant will not be extended beyond an additional two years.

FY 2001 Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus Program provides funding for colleges and universities to create large-scale social change by adopting policies and protocols that treat violence against women crimes as serious offenses and by developing victim services and programs that make victim safety, offender accountability, and prevention of such crimes a high priority. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/grants/campus/campus01.pdf>

Application Deadline: Letter of Intent was due April 3, 2001, Application due April 24, 2001.

Eligibility Requirements: Institutions of higher education as defined under the Higher Education Amendments of 1998. A consortium of higher education institutions also may apply, provided that each individual consortium member is eligible.

Grant Period: 2 years

Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/about/press/01-034.htm> Funding will be provided to fire departments that demonstrate financial need and benefit to be derived from the grant funds. The six categories for which grants will be awarded are: training, wellness/fitness, vehicles, firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment, and fire prevention programs. Applicants may apply for no more than two funding categories.

Application Deadline: May 2, 2001.

Eligibility Requirements: Fire departments are eligible to apply.

Maximum Award Amount: \$750,000

Grant Period: 12 months

Cops in Schools (CIS) http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/gpa/grant_prog/cis/cis_appkit.htm CIS provides direct grants to agencies and jurisdictions to hire or rehire additional new school resource officers to be deployed in and around schools as part of an overall plan to build working relationships with schools and use community policing to combat school violence. The COPS office requires that the officers deployed in the School Resource Officer position(s) spend a minimum of 75% of their time in and around schools working on youth-related activities.

Application Deadline: May 11, 2001 and June 15, 2001. Applicants applying for the first deadline (5/11/01) will be given priority consideration for FY2001 funding.

Eligibility Requirements: All state, local, tribal, and public law enforcement agencies, as well as jurisdictions serving special populations (e.g., transit, university, public housing, schools, and natural resources) are eligible to apply. In addition, jurisdictions wishing to establish, or reinstate, police agencies are eligible to apply under this program.

Maximum Award Amount: \$125,000 per officer for a three-year period.

Grant Period: Three years

"Cooperative Agreement for Collaborative Community Actions to Prevent Youth Violence and Promote Youth Development" <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>

Two types of awards will be made available: Level 1 awards will fund projects developing youth violence prevention community collaboration and preventative and early intervention services to reduce youth violence, substance abuse, mental health and other youth problems. Level 2 awards will fund well-established collaborations to enhance collaboration activities and to develop comprehensive youth violence intervention and prevention services.

Application Deadline: May 16, 2001.

Eligibility Requirements: States, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, and other public or private nonprofit organizations may apply. This includes local law enforcement agencies or affiliated organizations.

Maximum Award Amount: \$150,000 per year for Level 1 awards, and \$200,000 for Level 2 awards.

Number of Awards Made: 20 to 25 Level 1 awards, and up to 10 Level 2 awards.

Grant Period: Two years.

From Private Foundations

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** announces the funding initiative **"Reclaiming Futures: Building Community Solutions to Substance Abuse and Delinquency."** <http://www.reclaimingfutures.org/CFP.pdf> This initiative is designed to build community solutions to substance abuse and delinquency by developing the systems infrastructure necessary to deliver comprehensive care within the juvenile justice system. To accomplish this, a partnership encompassing the juvenile justice system, substance abuse treatment systems, and a range of youth and family support services will be necessary in each of the participating communities.

Application Deadline: Letters of intent are due on May 18. Full proposals from those invited to apply are due on Aug. 24. Grants will be announced on Jan. 30, 2002.

Eligibility Requirements: Each applicant must have a base population of at least 2,000 youth between the ages of 10-18 in their community. Smaller communities are encouraged to partner with neighboring communities to achieve this number. Applicants must also have funding to provide alcohol and illicit drug treatment for at least 40 youth, the minimum number that must be served annually at each site.

Number of Awards Made: 10

Maximum Award Amount: Planning grants of up to \$250,000 each will be awarded. At the completion of the first phase, each of the 10 sites will be eligible for the second phase of four years of implementation funding provided that they meet established benchmarks. Implementation grants will be for up to \$250,000 per year for four years.

Handspring Foundation <http://www.handspring.com/company/foundation/cashgrants.jhtml> The Foundation provides funding to organizations and programs concerned with literacy; mentoring and peer counseling; school-based programs targeting high-risk youth; after-school programs targeting high-risk youth that utilize the arts, technology, and sports; children at risk of educational failure; services to children in foster care or juvenile facilities; prevention, education, and early intervention services related to children's health; direct services for children who are victims of abuse or neglect; and homeless assistance programs for families with children.

Application Deadlines: May 1, August 1, November 1. Requests will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Eligibility Requirements: Nonprofit organizations with programs dedicated to pre-K through grade-12 education, or those that deal with issues directly related to children or youth at risk.

Maximum Award Amount: Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

The Avon Products Foundation Inc. <http://www.avoncompany.com/women/avonfoundation/> The foundation focuses on giving to organizations working to improve economic opportunities for women. The foundation asks that organizations requesting funds not send a full proposal, but rather send one-page preliminary application letters.

Application Deadlines: Open

Eligibility Requirements: Nonprofits

Maximum Award Amount: Varies. Applications asking the foundation to fund a portion of a program rather than the whole program will be given priority.

Research and Statistics

"Mental Health in Boston" According to a report released by the Boston Public Health Commission:

- 1 in 5 Boston high school students seriously considered suicide; 1 in 13 attempted suicide
- 1 in 6 Boston high school students reported binge drinking in the past 30 days
- 40% of Boston youth in summer school and city recreation programs would not seek help from a professional counselor if they were having emotional problems. <http://www.tiac.net/users/bdph/orhads/mh2001.pdf>

"Pulse Check: Trends in Drug Abuse, Mid-Year 2000" The report chronicles the latest "street" trends in heroin; crack and powder cocaine; marijuana; methamphetamine; and includes a special report on club drugs.

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/pulsechk/midyear2000/midyear2000.pdf>

"Policing and Homicide, 1976-98: Justifiable Homicide by Police, Police Officers Murdered by Felons" Almost all the felons justifiably killed by police (98%) and almost all of the felons who murdered a police officer (97%) are males and in both types of homicides just over half of the felons are ages 18 to 30 and white. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ph98.pdf>

"An Update on the 'Cycle of Violence'" This study found that being abused or neglected as a child increased the likelihood of arrest as a juvenile by 59%, as an adult by 28%, and for a violent crime by 30%. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/184894.pdf>

"Violent Victimization and Race, 1993-98" Between 1993 and 1998, compared to people of other races, American Indians sustained violence at the highest per capita rate (119 victimizations per 1,000 American Indians age 12 or older). This rate of violent victimization is about 2 times that experienced by blacks, 2½ times that sustained by whites, and 4½ times that experienced by Asians. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/vvr98.pdf>

"Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2000" From yearend 1990 to midyear 2000 the incarceration rate in prison and jail increased from 1 in every 218 U.S. residents to 1 in every 142. The number of inmates nationwide under State jurisdiction rose by 1.5% from midyear 1999 to midyear 2000 - the smallest annual growth rate in 29 years. Federal offenders were the fastest-growing prison population, up 9.3% from the previous year. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/pjim00.pdf>

"Juveniles Who Have Sexually Offended: A Review of the Professional Literature" In 1995, 16% of the arrests for forcible rape and 17% of the arrests for all other sex offenses involved youth under the age of 18. Research indicates that one in two adult sex offenders began sexually abusive behavior as a juvenile. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/184739.pdf>

From the Bench: Decisions by the Supreme Court

Texas v Cobb In a 5-to-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that because the constitutional right to counsel is "offense specific," the police can question a suspect without a lawyer present even if the suspect has already been charged with a closely related crime and is being represented by a lawyer.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/02apr20010800/www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/00pdf/99-1702.pdf>

Ferguson et al. v City of Charleston et al. In a 6-3 ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the practice of hospitals testing pregnant women for drugs without their consent. The case was brought against a public hospital in Charleston, South Carolina where several women who tested positive for cocaine were arrested in their hospital beds under the state's child-endangerment law. The Supreme Court ruled that the drug testing was unlawful because it violated the Constitution's Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/21mar20011130/www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/00pdf/99-936.pdf>

Resources

"Law Enforcement Newsletter" Published by the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General, this newsletter provides information of interest to the law enforcement and social service communities such as general laws update, Supreme Judicial Court decisions, case summaries, etc. <http://www.ago.state.ma.us/len0301w.pdf>

"Community Policing Survey Data Base" Based on a 1997 national survey of community policing, this database provides information from 1,110 police agencies nationwide that have implemented community policing. This online database allows searches by agency type and size to generate reports about the nature of the community policing programs implemented. <http://www.webdevgroup.org/nij/cp1997.htm>

"Building Comprehensive Solutions to Domestic Violence" This paper series is now available on the VAWnet web site and offers links to titles on collaboration, housing, economic justice, and poverty. http://www.vawnet.org/VNL/library/general/bcs_apub.htm

"School Resource Officer Training Program" This Report describes the school resource officer concept, which can contribute to improving school safety and alleviating community concerns. . <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/fs200105.pdf>

"Comprehensive Communities Program: Program Account (CCP)" CCP brings neighborhood residents and police together to solve crime-related problems. This report describes how community partners can carry out a more strategic and focused approach to solving crime problems. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/184955.pdf>

"1999 Survey of Forensic Reference Materials" This report provides an assessment of the availability of reference materials and collections in forensic laboratories. Encompassing every region within the U.S., the survey included diverse laboratories, most accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/187237.pdf>

"Electronic Crime Needs Assessments for State and Local Law Enforcement" This national study assesses State and local law enforcement agencies encounters with cyberterrorism and electronic crimes, including online fraud, child pornography, embezzlement, and cyberstalking, and how to combat these crimes. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/186276.pdf>

"Missing and Exploited Children's Training Program." The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) funds comprehensive training and technical assistance for juvenile justice professionals who deal with cases of missing, exploited, and abused children. This report describes five weeklong training courses currently offered by Fox Valley Technical College, and three additional training programs on crimes against children. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/fs200106.pdf>

"Citizen Review of Police: Approaches and Implementation" This report discusses the types of citizen oversight, potential benefits of oversight systems, limitations to citizen review, oversight responsibilities, staffing issues, and potential conflicts between oversight bodies and police departments. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/184430.pdf>

"Choosing and Using Child Victimization Questionnaires" Specific guidelines are provided to help youth service professionals determine what type of victimization is to be measured, what questionnaire should be administered, whether the results need to correspond to crime and child protection categories, what period of time is being surveyed, what the children's ages are, and whether the results will be compared with national norms. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/186027.pdf>

"Keeping Children Safe: OJJDP's Child Protection Division (CPD)." This report describes OJJDP's Child Protection Division and its efforts to safeguard children by supporting research and program evaluation, offering training and technical assistance to State, local, and community-based agencies; and demonstrating effective child protection initiatives. The Bulletin also describes several child protection projects and initiatives that are supported by the CDP. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/186158.pdf>

"Perspectives on Crime and Justice: 1999-2000 Lecture Series" Prominent researchers discuss the politics of punishment, the relationship between unemployment and crime, the relationship between immigration and crime, strategies to reduce gun violence, and evaluation to improve child and family interventions. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/184245.pdf>

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